World Bank and Asian Development Bank assistance of PMGSY

665. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have agreed to give a loan of 400 million each to assist the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the loans will help cover at least 10 States under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) During 2004-05, Loan Agreements were signed with both the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for funding of rural roads under the PMGSY. The World Bank loan/credit is worth US $399.50 million (US $ 300 million as IDA Credit and US $ 99.50 million as IBRD loan), for funding of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved loan is US $ 400 million for funding PMGSY in the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

Implementation of National Employment Guarantee Legislation

†666. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government will implement the National Employment Guarantee Legislation in order to provide employment to the families living below poverty line in the rural areas;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The proposal to enact a Central Legislation for the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which aims to enhance livelihood security to poor households in rural areas by providing atleast 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to every poor household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual labour, is under consideration of the Government.

Foodgrains provided to States under the Food for Work Programme

667. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry's Food for Work programme was initiated in a number of States during the current year;

(b) if so, whether a number of States have asked for more foodgrains to implement the scheme;

(c) if so, how many States have started implementing this scheme;

(d) what were the foodgrains provided to each of them; and

(e) whether the Centre has received report from these States about the utilization of foodgrains supplied to them under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (e) A new poverty alleviation programme, National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched from the month of November 2004 in 150 most backward Districts of the Country to generate additional supplementary wage employment with food security. All the 27 State except Goa have been covered under the programme. It is being implemented as a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. It is an allocation-based programme. For the current